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## **PERMANENT SPECIAL AGENT-IN-CHARGE NAMED TO LEAD ICE INVESTIGATIONS IN ARIZONA**

PHOENIX – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced today that Roberto G. Medina, who has served as acting special agent-in-charge (SAC) of the agency's Arizona office of investigations since April, has been named to the post permanently.

As the ICE SAC for Arizona, Mr. Medina oversees the agency's investigative activities statewide, including enforcement targeting human smuggling, money laundering, narcotics and weapons trafficking, financial crimes, commercial fraud, and violations relating to intellectual property rights.

"Roberto brings more than two decades of law enforcement experience and leadership to this position," said Marcy Forman, director of investigations for ICE nationwide. "That background and his familiarity with the unique enforcement challenges in Arizona make him an ideal fit for this crucial post."

"I am pleased to be given the opportunity to provide the permanent leadership ICE needs to meet the demands we face in Arizona," Mr. Medina said. "Having grown up and spent much of my adult life in the Southwest, I have a broad understanding of the enforcement issues we are dealing with in this environment and look forward to working with my law enforcement counterparts and members of the community to tackle those challenges."

Before coming to Phoenix, Mr. Medina served as special agent-in-charge of the ICE office of investigations in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where his jurisdiction also included the U.S. Virgin Islands. Prior to that, Mr. Medina spent five years in El Paso, Texas where he was an associate special agent-in-charge with the former U.S. Customs Service, office of investigations.

SAC Medina's 26-year federal law enforcement career also includes several high-level assignments with the former U.S. Customs Service in Washington, D.C., including stints as director of the investigations division and the special operations division for the agency's office of internal affairs.

Before joining the federal government, Mr. Medina worked in Southern California as a criminal investigator for San Diego County and as an investigative assistant for the San Diego District Attorney's Office.

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